

MR. BRYAN IN THE NORTHWEST

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no appointments to bestow, he had been seen and heard on several previous occasions in Spokane. Love, confidence and admiration were the incentives which drew this great course of people to do honor to a plain, private citizen.

Men love him because of his purity, his kindness and his simplicity. They have confidence in him because of his frankness and sincerity. They admire him because of his courage, his eloquence and his ability.

No other political leader in the history of the nation has been as shamefully misrepresented and as bitterly vilified as he during the past thirteen years. All the tremendous power wielded by organized greed has been exerted in the endeavor to discredit and crush him. The influential newspapers and magazines controlled by the interests have maligned him with brazen falsehoods and slurring innuendos. His motives have been deliberately misconstrued and his statements willfully misquot-

ed. But through it all, with unruffled temper and undaunted courage, he has waged a winning crusade for higher ideals of citizenship, for cleaner politics and against special privileges.

Three times he has been defeated for president, not because the people feared what he would do if elected, but because they feared what his enemies would do. The masses realized the tremendous power wielded by the captains of finance and many were coerced by their threats of bringing on a financial panic and industrial depression into voting for the republican candidates. Thus far they have failed to appreciate that the existence of such a power is far more to be feared than its exercise. But the men who have been browbeaten into voting against Bryan none the less honor and admire and trust him. They have seen reform after reform advocated by him reluctantly adopted by his opponents. They recognize him as the foremost champion of the rights of the common people, they know that he is

working in their interests, that he has a message for them and therefore they listen to him gladly. They trust him because he trusts them.

Many wonder at Mr. Bryan's cheerful philosophy and express surprise that he has not been embittered by his defeats, but why should he repine? To create a public sentiment which forces the adoption of a beneficial reform gives more satisfaction than to sign the bill which crystallizes it into a law. As a private citizen to stand first in the hearts of his countrymen is a far prouder distinction than to hold the office of president of the United States.

ALFRED ORENDORFF

Alfred Orendorff is dead. A courtly gentleman and an honest man, his passing deprives Illinois of a citizen of the highest worth. He was adjutant general of his state during the administration of the late Governor John Peter Altgeld and served as president of the Illinois Bar association. President of the Illinois Historical society, he did much to make

that organization a fitting repository for the story of the commonwealth, while in his private, professional and political life his conduct was of the sort which enabled him to stand rightfully as an example to his fellow men.—The Voter (Chicago) Magazine.

LIMITATION

A Washington man, while visiting a friend's place in Virginia, became much interested in his experiments in fruit culture. One day the visitor was making the rounds of the place, being in charge of the friend's young daughter of 10, who acted as guide.

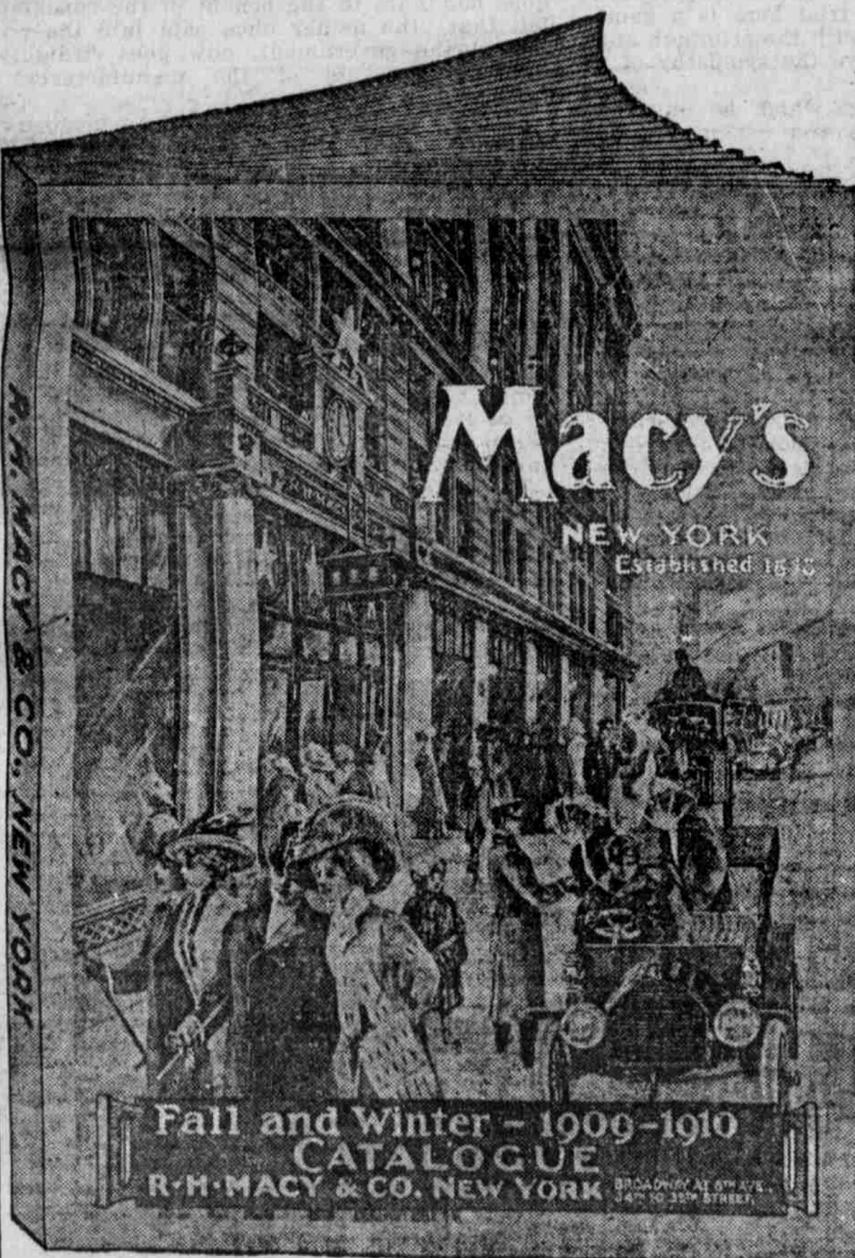
"This tree seems to be loaded with apples," observed the Washingtonian, indicating a particularly fine specimen.

"Yes, sir," assented the little girl; "father says this is a good year for apples."

"I am glad to hear that," said the visitor. "Are all your trees as full of apples as this one?"

"No, sir," explained the girl, "only the apple trees."—The Interior.

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